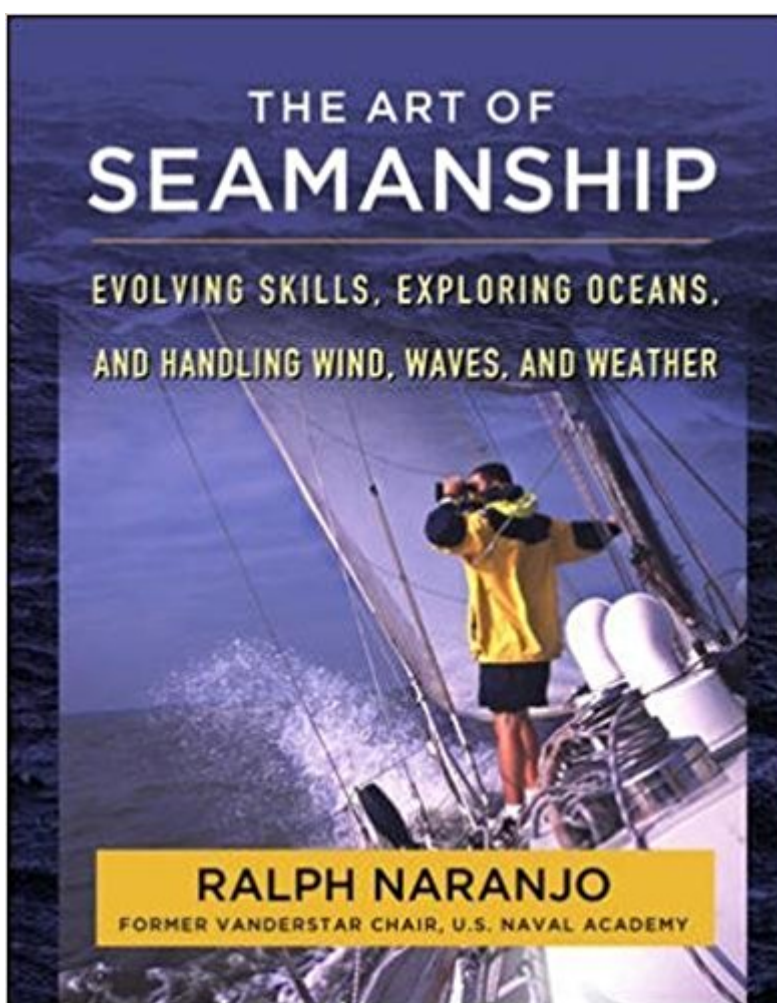


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The Art Of Seamanship: Evolving Skills, Exploring Oceans, And Handling Wind, Waves, And Weather (International Marine-RMP)



Synopsis

Wind, waves, weather, and water demand the practiced art of seamanship "Planning and reacting to the unanticipated are the flip sides of seamanship. This blending of pre-voyage preparedness with effective on-the-water response is learned rather than inherent--together they define the art of seamanship." -- Author RALPH NARANJO Each time a sailboat casts off its docklines the sailor enters a marine realm that demands knowledge, preparedness, vigilance, and coolheadedness--these qualities are the foundation of good seamanship. Both an art as well as a science, seamanship is also the mastery of numerous practical details, from the best choice of line for a jib sheet to an accurate assessment of the passage of a deep low-pressure system.

Around-the-world sailor Ralph Naranjo--technical expert, ocean racer, former Vanderstar Chair at the U.S. Naval Academy--delivers a priceless reference for anything that comes up while on the water, sharing all the knowledge today's sailors need to "hand, reef, and steer"--an enduring reference to the collective skills of the bluewater sailor. Naranjo's vast knowledge is supported by real-life examples of sailing mishaps, sample itineraries, vibrant photos, as well as first-hand accounts and sidebars from top sailors and marine experts, including Shelia McCurdy, Chuck Hawley, Lee Chesneau, and Paul Miller, N.A. Seamanship is a dynamic art, demanding full attention from the sailor amidst a constant flow of information and knowledge. The Art of Seamanship will improve your problem-solving skills, whether daysailing around the harbor or voyaging around the world. You'll learn: The attributes of a good skipper and crewâ •including physical and mental agility, effective communication, and knowledge-based decision making Fine-tuning your voyaging with the seaworthiness of your boat and the capability of your crew in mind Using weather information and routing resources to lower risks and raise rewards Developing advanced boat-handling skillsâ •including heaving-to, towing a drogue, reefing, setting storm sails, and kedging Lines, line handling, and rigging--making sure the right strings are attached, including an in-depth look at modern rope construction Anchoring--the art of staying put--with a realistic look at tackle from lunch hooks to storm anchors Sails, modern sail material, sail trim, sail handling, and hardware, from hanked-on headsails to the latest top-down furlers Navigating in the satellite age, including paper and digital chartplotting, how to best use the new equipment, plus understanding the role of celestial navigation as a fail-safe Sailboat design and dynamics, including the role of vessel structure and stability and a look at what your current boat has to offer and what to look for in a new boat Sharing crowded waters and understanding the reasons behind the "rules of the road" How to be ready for any emergency, including fire, crew overboard, a flooding bilge, or the need to abandon ship Establishing reliable communication, including VHF, AIS, SSB, satellite phones, and beacon

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Customer Reviews

RALPH NARANJO has been an authoritative voice in the marine community for more than 30 years. He continues his sailor advocacy as technical editor to Practical Sailor and is a regular contributor to Cruising World magazine. During his 10 years at the U.S. Naval Academy he helped guide safety and seamanship training and played a key role in the development of the navy's new 44-foot sail-training sloops. His sailing background includes a five-year family voyage around the world, which was documented in his book Wind Shadow West. He and his wife, Lenore, have made two other lengthy cruises aboard their 41-foot Ericson sloop, Wind Shadow. During the past 15 years, he has moderated US Sailing Safety at Sea seminars across the country, and he is now an adjunct lecturer at the Annapolis School of Seamanship, where he is helping to develop a new line of courses tailored to cruising sailors.

I fully agree with Jimmy's review below... don't leave shore without it. This is an instant classic and a must-have, especially for anyone planning for ocean sailing or refitting a boat for passagemaking. Fun, informative, highly credible, well written, properly opinionated, broad and deep but "keeps it moving" without the usual blah blah bluff and fluff. Lots of meat on the bone here. Very good blend of giving us the practical, the engineering, the reasoning... I've been wanting "someone" with true knowledge and experience to write a NEW, thorough tome like this; for example, we all know and

love Nigel Calder's Boatowner's M&E Manual but that's not been updated for 18 years. The author here is a top tech adviser at 'Practical Sailor', of which I am a subscriber and keen reader but he's concentrating here on the mix of skills, judgment, teamwork and tech that the skipper must possess.... and "here it is!"... the solid overall treatment that, with Chapman's, simply must be at hand for any sailor who wants such solid advice about the Art.

Whether new to sailing or a salty old dog, there is much to learn from this book. Being on the water for over 60 years, Naranjo shares his experiences of Sailing in an very enjoyable read. From the boats he has owned to those he has sailed, the Author details all you need to know to enhance your water time. From anchoring to sail trim...From racing to cruising...from boat handling to celestial navigation, this book offers insight for every sailor. You will read it cover to cover, and you will keep a copy at home and aboard. I find myself re-reading passages in the Winter and earmarking chapters I need to read in the Spring. A truly useful reference.

comprehensive although I prefer John Rousmaniere's The Annapolis Book of Seamanship

This book is a must have for any sailor. I have purchased two copies and keep one at home and have given the other to a sailing friend. This book covers almost every aspect of sailing. It is a technical guide supplemented by many practical examples of how to handle many different situations that can arise. I would recommend this book even for the casual sailor as large segments are written in a story format. It is obvious that the author not only has a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience but is also able to capture the readers' interest.

Most of it is fine. Some of it is just advertising books or products and some of it is just plain filler.

An excellent compendium of knowledge, one of the most complete to date. Full of practical, useful, and time tested techniques, gained from extensive time spent at sea in all conditions. Presented in an informative and entertaining manner. A must have for your bookshelf, both at home and aboard!

Absolutely first class. I have shelves of sailing books and this is among the best.

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